

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Council President Monique Beikman; Councilor Frank Bubenik;

Councilor Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Ed Truax

Absent: Councilor Wade Brooksby

Staff City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Kent Barker;

Present: Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris;

Assistant to the City Manager Tanya Williams; Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Update from Clean Water Services.

Mark Jockers, Government Public Affairs Officer, and Diane Taniguchi, Deputy District Manager, of Clean Water Services (CWS) presented an update. Mr. Jockers spoke to Clean Water Services history and the formation of their water resource management utility. He stated their utility serves 572,000 residents throughout Washington County while working with 12 partner cities. CWS works in resource recovery, surface water management, river flow management, and water security and planning and prides themselves on their innovations and partnerships in these areas. Ms. Taniguchi spoke to CWS's financial strategies and how they are investing in the Tualatin Basin to repair infrastructure, protect the watershed, optimize assets, and plan for growth. Mr. Jockers spoke to local surcharges and the 10 year rate history. Future challenges for CWS include water supply planning and security, managing extreme weather, stormwater, growth planning, and aging infrastructure.

Mayor Ogden asked if CWS had a sense of cost regarding onsite stormwater management for developers. Ms. Taniguchi stated there are several tensions surrounding this issue and CWS is working to figure out costs. Mayor Ogden stated a better job of educating the development community about the importance of stormwater management and the costs needs to be made.

2. Preview of Proposed Code Change for Medical Center Sign Regulations.

Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich presented proposed amendments to sign code PTA15-001. Manager Hurd-Ravich stated Legacy Meridian Park, applicant, has proposed the changes. The application is to amend the sign code specifically for the Medical Center (MC) Planning District, which Meridian Park mostly occupies. The current code allows for monument, wall, and hospital identification signs. The amendments would allow for freestanding pole signs, additional monument signs, additional wall signs, and a campus sign master plan process.

Additional monument signs would include property boundary, vehicle entrance, and internal signs. Additional wall signs include main signs, tenant signs, and overhead canopy signs. Existing and proposed standards for each amendment were covered. Manager Hurd-Ravich explained the proposed campus sign master plan option. She stated instead of proposed standards a property in the MC Planning District could submit a campus sign master plan to establish sign standards and locations. The master plan would be reviewed by staff in the same manner as a standard application. The proposal was taken to the Planning Commission at their last meeting and they recommended the Commission reviewing the master plan as well. Next steps include a final Planning Commission review on March 17 followed by a public hearing before the City Council on March 28.

Councilor Grimes expressed concerns with the proposed size of the signs in addition to potential light pollution from the amount of proposed signs and the affect to the surrounding neighborhoods. Manager Hurd-Ravich stated the current code addresses the type of lighting that can be used.

Councilor Davis stated the Council over the last several years has made an effort to reduce the amount of pole signs in the City. She would like staff to look into a more effective and attractive solution. Council President Beikman concurred.

Mayor Ogden stated he is interested in more flexibility throughout the code so it offers a more user friendly approach. Manager Hurd-Ravich stated the master plan option offers the flexibility staff is looking for.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

/ Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

/ Lou Ogden, Mayor